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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: THE PLANNING AND STEERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ref: (a) Public Law 92-463
(b) SECNAVINST 5420.60G
(c) 41 U.S.C. § 423(p)
(d) 48 C.F.R. Part 3

1. **Purpose.** To establish policy for the Planning and Steering Advisory Committee (PSAC) as a Department of the Navy Federal Advisory Committee.

2. **Cancellation.** SECNAVINST 5420.189

3. **Authority.** The PSAC is a Federal Advisory Committee established in 1990. The renewed charter for the PSAC was approved on 9 October 1992 per references (a) and (b).

4. **Mission.** The objective of the PSAC is to provide an avenue of communication by which a distinguished group representing scientific, academic, engineering and intelligence communities may advise the Chief of Naval Operations on questions related to Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) security. Their mission is to make in-depth technical assessments of U.S. and foreign Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) developments and related technologies, to critically review programs which potentially impact SSBN survivability, and to evaluate intelligence efforts to identify and define ASW and SSBN survivability threats.

5. **Membership.** The PSAC consists of government and nine non-Federal government members nominated and appointed in accordance with DON Committee Management guidelines as prescribed in references (a) and (b). The members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, after approval by the Office of Secretary of Defense, for a period not to exceed four years. Terms will be staggered to provide for rotation of members while maintaining adequate continuity of membership. Committee members may serve for no more than four years, unless they are reappointed by the Secretary of the Navy for additional periods of service. In pursuing its objectives, the PSAC may operate in panels or subcommittees composed of selected members to conduct detailed examinations of matters related to ASW and SSBN security.



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6. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson of the PSAC will be selected by the Head, Strategic Submarine Branch (N871) from the PSAC membership. In the absence or unavailability of the Chair, the Designated Federal Official shall select a member to act in his/her behalf. Chairs of PSAC panels or subcommittees will be appointed by the PSAC Chair from the membership.

7. **Sponsor.** The sponsor of the PSAC is the Secretary of the Navy.

8. **Designated Federal Official.** The Head, Strategic Submarine Branch (N871) is the Designated Federal Official for the PSAC oversight and shall provide the necessary financial and administrative support for the effective operation of the PSAC.


9. **Executive Secretary.** The Executive Secretary of the PSAC will be the Head, SSBN Security Program (N871E) acting for the Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87).

10. **Meetings.** The PSAC will meet at such times as specified by the Chair or as directed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments) (N8). A simple majority will constitute a quorum for conduct of business of the Committee. Panels or subcommittees of the PSAC will meet at such times as specified by the Chair.

11. **Recommendations.** Recommendations are provided to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments) (N8) by letter from the Chair of the PSAC, or through minutes of meetings. When the PSAC makes a recommendation for action required to ensure SSBN survivability in the near future, the report will be sent to the Chief of Naval Operations for his approval. Recommendations of any panels or subcommittees will be provided to the Chair of the PSAC. PSAC functions are solely advisory in nature; it is not empowered to make policy or management decisions. Members will not be participating personally or substantially in the conduct of any specific procurement. The activities of the PSAC will not place any member in the position of acting as a "procurement official" as defined in references (c) and (d).

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12. **Action.** The Head, Strategic Submarine Branch (N871) will provide information and access to facilities as required for the PSAC's work. The Head, SSBN Security Program (N871E) will provide staff as required to support the PSAC.



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